

VETERANS DENY DESERTION OF WAR MEMORIAL; ROAD BOND ISSUE BILL TO PASS SENATE, BELIEF

INCOMPLETE POLL SHOWS UPPER BODY FAVORS MEASURE

Proposal Is Discussed at Several Informal Sunday Conferences Here.

MEMBERS OF HOUSE HEAR FROM VOTERS

Letters From Constituents Release Delegates From Their Pledge.

SEVERAL BIG BILLS PENDING

One Creating the Port Commission Awaits Final Disposition During Last Week.

Talk in hotel lobbies and corridors and wherever two or more members of the Virginia General Assembly congregated last night centered on the proposed \$12,000,000 bond issue for roads. At least two informal conferences—one of members of the House and the other of members of the Senate—were held in the parlors of Murphy's Hotel last night, for the purpose, members of the respective branches declared later, of "checking up" on the question of the bond issue.

The Vaughan bill, which provides for the flotation of \$12,000,000 in bonds, if, in the judgment of the Governor, Attorney General and State Treasurer, or a majority of them, their issuance is expedient, and which has been favorably reported by the Senate Finance Committee, heads the Senate calendar, and, advocates of the measure hope, will come up for consideration at today's session, unless it is passed by. The bill also has received the indorsement of the Senate Committee on Roads and Internal Navigation.

Indicates Favorable Action. An unofficial and incomplete poll in the Senate indicates that the bond issue will pass the upper branch, although its fate in the House is an unknown quantity, in view of the fact that the members of the lower body twice have gone on record as opposed to a bond issue at this session. However, some of those who voted against the issuance of bonds have received letters from some of their constituents approving such issue and, it is pointed out by some, virtually releasing them from their pledge.

Eleven Senators are patrons of the Vaughan bill, and at least ten of the others have stated that they agree with Governor Trinkle that the present time is expedient for the issuance of bonds and the construction of a highway system on a large scale. The Governor bases his position on the changed conditions in regard to material and labor costs, and also on the economic value of providing employment for thousands of men.

With the General Assembly today beginning the last week of the 1922 session, much excitement is being done before the curtain is rung down next Saturday night. With scores of bills on the calendars of the two houses, few other than the more important will be considered, and many will die on the calendar.

Among the more important are those having to do with the Hampton Roads port commission, the gas, gasoline tax, child welfare code, war memorial bill restoring the Bright \$500,000 appropriation and another repealing the bill providing for a memorial.

The Hampton Roads commission bill already has passed the House by a vote of 53 to 22. It provides for a permanent commission, to consist of five members, who are to be appointed by the Governor, and fixes their term at five years.

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FORMER VIRGINIAN DIES IN CINCINNATI

[By Associated Press.] CINCINNATI, OHIO, March 5.—John H. Harouff, Cincinnati's oldest resident, died today at the age of 105. Born in the mountains of Virginia, Mr. Harouff moved to Cowen, W. Va., when a young man and established a flour mill, which he operated until six years ago. He retired at the age of 90, and came to Cincinnati to live with his son.

Mr. Harouff was never sick, except when wounded in fighting at the battle of Gettysburg with the Confederate troops under General John B. Imboden.

His father, who fought in the Revolutionary War, died at the age of 112, at Hot Springs, Va.

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Jumps From Washington Monument in Baltimore

[By Associated Press.] BALTIMORE, MD., March 5.—Frank Deveney, an employee of a local taxicab company, today jumped to his death from the Washington Monument in Washington Place. Deveney had been ill and his associates declared his mind had been affected.

The suicide occurred in the center of Baltimore's most exclusive residential section. Deveney, who had given up his position as a taxicab starter, had returned to Baltimore from Pittsburgh a few days ago. He had been visiting there at the home of his wife's parents. His wife is in Pittsburgh.

Walking to the platform atop the monument, Deveney was seen to climb over the parapet, he slowly climbed to the rim, carefully lowered himself at arm's length and dropped the 164 feet to the base of the monument.

HARDING REGIME TO CAUSE REACTION

Coming Campaign Will Determine Party Which Will Have Legislative Control.

DEMOCRATS GAINING

Only Defense of G. O. P. Drive Will Be "Stand By the President."

By J. Frederick Essary, Washington Correspondent of The Times-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—As the first year of President Harding's administration passes, the two political parties are advancing toward the senatorial and congressional campaigns preceding the autumn elections upon which will determine whether the party of Harding will continue in legislative control of the government.

From the record of the administration and Congress in the year since March 4, 1921, will be developed the issues of those campaigns. The Republican hosts, the aggressors in the presidential campaign which sent Mr. Harding to the White House, must take the lead this spring, summer and fall upon the defensive.

Face Disadvantage. Even if Mr. Harding does not face a prospect as threatening as that which overthrew the Democratic Congress in the midst of Woodrow Wilson's second term, he, nevertheless, is confronted with the probability of reduced majorities, particularly in the House of Representatives, sufficient to give the Democrats basis for a cry of administration failure.

A certain disadvantage accrues to the Republican party from the heavy majority it has enjoyed in both branches of Congress since the sweeping victory of 1920. Districts commonly Democratic were swept into the Republican column in the fervor of the popular reaction against the Wilson regime. It is exceedingly doubtful whether such enthusiasm can repeat itself after two years of the responsibility and full control.

Democrats Have Advantage. Parts of the country will return more nearly to "natural" political lines, and the Democrats have the advantage of whatever disillusionment may exist and whatever disappointments over the accomplishments of the party in power.

It is in full realization of the importance for holding their lines against a reverse tantamount to a repudiation that the Republican party is preparing to echo across the country the cry, "Stand by the President; support the administration."

Because of the legislative aspect even a reduction of the legislative majority would give the Democratic party still in the process of reviving from the overwhelming defeat of the last election, the Democrats are marshaling all their forces to attack the record of Harding and of Harding's Congress.

Only Thirty-Six Democrats. The present Senate is composed of sixty Republicans and thirty-six Democrats, a Republican majority of twenty-four. There will be elections in November of thirty-four senatorial seats. Nineteen of the expiring terms are those of Republicans.

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CHRISTENED ALCAZAR

Shriners Aid in Ceremony for Baby Camel.

[By Associated Press.] MONTGOMERY, ALA., March 5.—"Alcazar," a camel, born a week ago at a circus winter quarters near here, was christened today with elaborate ceremonies under direction of Alcazar Temple, Mystic Shrine, for which the camel was named. David W. Crossland, potentate of Alcazar and Oriental guide in the imperial council, christened the camel. All the uniform bodies of Alcazar Temple took part.

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GREAT INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENT FOR MARCH FORECAST

Betterment of Employment Conditions Declared by U. S. Bureau

MONTH WILL BE ERA OF GREATEST ACTIVITY

Nation Can Breathe Enthusiastic Spirit of Hope and Confidence in Future.

VIRGINIA IN GOOD CONDITION

In "East-South-Central District" Big Increase in Pay Rolls Is Noted.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, March 5.—A forecast of great industrial improvement for the month of March was made today by the United States Employment Service, in connection with its monthly report of employment conditions in the United States.

"Reports from 221 of the principal industrial centers, with but few exceptions, show a general improvement in employment conditions," Director Jones of the service announced, "and breathe an enthusiastic spirit of hope and confidence in the future. Weather permitting, March will begin an era of great activity."

More Men at Work. Employment conditions showed practically no alteration during February, however, according to the bureau's studies, only one half of 1 per cent more men being on reported pay rolls at the month's end than at its beginning. Only the textile and paper industries evidenced increased employment, and this was more than made up by additions to working forces in nearly all other lines.

Out of sixty-five cities, from which statistics are gathered by the department, forty-four showed small percentage increases in employment, while twenty-one, including Manchester, N. H., a textile center with a reported decrease of 66.2 per cent, reported fewer men on pay rolls. New York City reported an increase in employment of 1.9 per cent, while Chicago had a decrease of one half of 1 per cent.

Fertilizer Plants Gain. Lumber and lumber products mills in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida reported a net decrease in the month of 252 among their employees, while eighty-five fertilizer factories showed a gain of 634. Pay roll figures in the textile industry also showed a slight increase, but the prevailing sentiment was said to be "uncertain as to future conditions."

Employment reports from Virginia, the report said, "continued to show reductions throughout the State." Textile mills reported a small decrease in the number of employees as compared with the previous month, as did Virginia coal mines.

In Georgia the textile outlook was described as "unfavorable" and employment generally "shows little change over last month." Fertilizer plants, however, were declared to be entering the season of greatest activity and probably would increase their pay rolls for several months to come.

In the "East-South-Central district," composed of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, a pay roll increase for the month of 437.2 is shown, in reports from 167 industrial concerns.

In the West-South-Central district composed of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas, the report says that "unemployment conditions show virtually no betterment," but "optimism is expressed."

DANVILLE WOMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Mrs. Higgins, Brooding Over Ill Health, Ends Life With Revolver.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] DANVILLE, VA., March 5.—Mrs. Ruby Shelton Higgins, wife of Frank Higgins, superintendent of the local street car company, committed suicide at 12 o'clock today at her home in North Danville. She went into the bathroom with her revolver and shot herself through the head. Other relatives, hearing the report, rushed into the room and found her in a serious condition. She died in a hospital an hour later.

Ill health, over which she brooded, said to have been a factor in her untimely death. No inquest was held, but two notes are said to have been found. These were given to the coroner, who attached no great importance to them.

Honor New York Police. PARIS, March 5.—An official decree issued today confers the medal of honor of the municipal police on fifty members of the New York City police force.

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LADY ASTOR PLEADED OVER APPOINTMENT OF VISCOUNTESS RHONDDA

Looks at Matter Not From Social Standpoint, but From Standpoint of Woman's Welfare, Which She Hopes Will Be Furthered.

By Ralph H. Turner, United News Staff Correspondent.

LONDON, March 5.—Outside of the Viscountess Rhonda herself, probably no woman in Great Britain is more pleased with the decision whereby the peeress will take her seat in the House of Lords than Lady Astor, who holds the distinction of having been the first woman member of the House of Commons.

Lady Astor looks at the matter not from the social standpoint, but from the standpoint of woman's welfare, which, she hopes, will be furthered by Viscountess Rhonda's work in the upper chamber of Parliament, leading to a more sympathetic consideration by that august and conservative body of legislation, in which progressive women are interested.

"Some of these bills which easily pass the Commons," Lady Astor declared in an interview, "have a trick of getting lost or held up on their way through the Lords. There's no use in opening up old wounds, but it is sufficient to say that women have had a just grievance."

Remarking that she and the Viscountess Rhonda have a great deal in common, Lady Astor said that the viscountess had recently established a movement called "The six points group," in which its supporters are pledged to press for six definite women's reforms, dealing with equal guardianship, equal franchise, aid for unmarried mothers, and similar issues.

She predicted that Lady Rhonda's victory would give great impetus to the movement. "It hasn't been properly appreciated," said Lady Astor, "that Lady Rhonda did not press her claim from personal interests, but for the establishment of the principle of political equality of women and men. The victory will strengthen woman's position in Parliament and promote her claims to a share in the responsibilities of citizenship and government."

PROHIBITION 'NAVY' TO ACT THIS MONTH

Will Comb Atlantic Coastal Waters for Liquor Smugglers.

TO HAVE SWIFT CRAFT

Former Navy Terriers Are Now Available for Dry Law Officials.

[By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, March 5.—The prohibition "navy" will be ready for action in Atlantic coastal waters in search of liquor smugglers some time this month, it was declared tonight at enforcement headquarters.

Arrangements have been completed, officials said, whereby the prohibition bureau is to have the use of submarine chasers not now being used by the coast guard. Nine of these craft, former navy terriers, are said to be immediately available for transfer to dry law commanders.

Not to Divulge Plans. Prohibition Commissioner Haynes declared tonight that it would take about two weeks to man and equip the submarines for duty as a prohibition sea patrol, but declined to divulge his plans for meeting in their own element the swarms of rum runners said to infest the Atlantic Coast, lest valuable information reach the ears of wily skippers.

It was learned, however, that prohibition authorities contemplate a screen of swift ships operating from Maine to Florida and in the Gulf of Mexico to prevent the landing of illicit alcohol. Subchasers to form the prohibition fleet, officials said, are being loaned by the coast guard as they are unable to commission them for this service because of lack of funds and trained personnel.

Ships 110 Feet Long.

The ships are 110 footers and are now scattered at the various coast guard stations, but the prohibition authorities plan to centralize activities, probably basing the main fleet at New York, with a strong squadron on duty in Florida waters.

While the coast guard will retain the title to the submarine chasers, the prohibition bureau will bear the expense of their operation. Enforcement agents will be on board each boat.

Whether the ships will fly a special prohibition flag in this service has not been decided, but Commissioner Haynes has received several more or less appropriate suggestions for a design for an emblem.

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COURTNEY GRIFFIN TO HAVE A HEARING ON MURDER CHARGE

Alleged Slayer of Peter P. Knight Held in Nansemond County Jail.

SYMPATHY OF PUBLIC DIVIDED AS TO CRIME

Young Men Who Worked With Prisoner Openly Express Regret.

WIFE AND TWO BABIES LEFT

Woman Shot at Time of Killing Has a Chance for Recovery.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SUFFOLK, VA., March 5.—No verdict was rendered by the jury which viewed the body of Peter P. Knight, who, it is alleged, was shot by Courtney Griffin, his newly married wife's son, Saturday morning, and who died from the wounds six hours later.

The body was taken to the undertaking establishment of I. O. Hill & Co., where it was seen by Drs. J. E. Hawley, David Hawley, and William Gay, of Lakeview Hospital, where Mr. Knight died, and by Dr. O. R. Yates, city physician of Suffolk, and Dr. C. J. Riddick, county physician of Nansemond.

The jury was composed of B. E. Parker, S. L. Nussman, H. M. Macleary, Charles O. Lancaster, F. A. Holladay, and George B. Walton. Knight was shot through the liver, stomach, in the leg and in the hip.

Sympathy Is Divided.

Courtney Griffin is still in Nansemond County Jail. The shooting was with an automatic .32 caliber. When asked by deputy city sergeant for the weapon yesterday, Griffin said: "Do you really have to have it?" "Yes," was the officer's answer. "Well, then," Griffin said, "I'll try to get it for you."

Knight will be buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Sympathy of the public is greatly divided as to the crime. Out on the White Marsh Road the neighbors are resentful. They say, "It is a terrible thing and we are sorry for all of them." Two of the neighbors said that Courtney lived out there a long time, and that, while he was not a ways reliable in his statements, he was a good boy, kind and pleasant, and that as far as they were concerned, he was always nice to them. In Suffolk, it is the same thing.

Brooded Over "Wrong." Young men who worked with Courtney Griffin are universally sorry for him, and do not hesitate to say that he was driven to desperation by brooding over what he considered his "wrong." They state that he was hampered by debts, many of them caused by illness in a young and growing family, and that he bitterly resented his mother's marriage to Knight within six months after the death of his father. He also was known to have expressed his resentment at the will left by his father, which left the estate to his mother. He still maintains a silence on all matters pertaining to the crime committed at the kitchen door of his boyhood home Saturday morning.

Already the plea of an unbalanced mind caused by continual worry over what he thought bad conditions at his home and on account of the alleged injuries he considered had been done him by the conditions of his father's will is being advanced. When the scent of the crime is visited the spectator wonders how Mrs. Knight ever had the fortitude to crawl through the drenching rain down the stable yard through four inches of water to the lane gate, where she opened the front door and knelt to her tenant house trying to get help.

Bloodstains Everywhere. In the dining-room are the blood stains that show where Knight fell. He was shot while standing in the kitchen, and evidently staggered back to the dining-room, which opens from the kitchen door. His head struck the foot of the dining table, and bloodstains are visible, although (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6.)

Steamer Strands Off Virginia Coast. LEWES, DEL., March 5.—The American steamer Delta, with a cargo of coal from Norfolk to Boston, stranded today on Beaufort bank, a dangerous shoal off the Virginia coast. Coast guards from the Assateague and Wallops Beach stations went out to the vessel in a power lifeboat, but Captain Gilbert and his crew of twenty-one refused to leave the Delta. The coast-guard cutter Manning is on its way to the stranded ship from Norfolk.

Settle Dublin Postal Dispute. DUBLIN, March 5.—It was reported today that the dispute of the Irish postal employees with the government over a 10-shilling cut in wages has been settled and the threatened strike thereby averted.

Study Tax Methods of Ancient Greek Ruler

[By Associated Press.] PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 5.—Present-day taxmakers may be able to take a leaf from the book of Ptolemy Philadelphus, the second of the Greek kings of Egypt, who died about 2100 years ago, and learn how to assess heavy taxes without hardships to the payers thereof. Records of King Ptolemy Philadelphus relating to financial affairs, and which, archaeologists believe, will reveal how he and his father were able so carefully to adjust the heavy taxes they levied on Egypt without injury to the country, have been unearthed by the University of Pennsylvania museum expedition to Egypt.

King Ptolemy, archaeologists say, showed great favor to the Jews, who had synagogues in all parts of Egypt, and it was hoped that the new discovery would reveal some of their activities at that time, about which little is known.

BELFAST STREETS SCENE OF RIOTING

Killed and 3 Injured During Worst Disorders Since Last August.

FIRING IS GENERAL

Police Bring Machine-Gun Into Play After Curfew, but Snipers Continue Attack.

[By Associated Press.] BELFAST, March 5.—The firing which took place in the greater part of last night at various points in the city continued throughout today, and an evening advanced became incessant. Only a few casualties have been reported. The firing seemed to be more in the nature of attempts at intimidation than for destruction.

Tonight most of the churches were sparsely attended, owing to the incessant machine gunfire.

No Rioting in Belfast.

[By Associated Press.] BELFAST, March 5.—Owen Hughes was shot and killed while riding in a street car in the York Street district of this city last night. A bomb was thrown into the home of John Press, on Lanark Street, during the night, and one of his sons and two daughters were wounded. One of the younger women is believed to have been dangerously injured. There were numerous disorders throughout the city during the night.

Saturday night in the York Street district of Belfast was one of the worst since August. For hours before and after the curfew, firing was general over a wide area. Simultaneous attacks were made three on police patrols, including the attempt to murder two policemen at the junction of Union and Donegal Streets, in which one of the policemen was wounded, and the assailants escaped. There was great excitement, and women shoppers wildly rushed to places of safety.

Lately the gunmen, emboldened by their successes, kept up a constant sniping fire. At 11 o'clock, the curfew hour, the police brought a machine gun into action in the zone where the firing was taking place. Many walls in Kent Street were ridged by bullets.

LARGE CROWDS GATHER FOR SPEECHES IN DUBLIN

[By Associated Press.] DUBLIN, March 5.—The crowds which gathered today for the opening of the campaign in favor of acceptance of the Anglo-Irish treaty were notable, not only because of their vast proportions, but the high degree of enthusiasm which, notwithstanding the rain, prevailed. College Green into a veritable forest of umbrellas, the people stayed to hear all the speakers.

The orators, in addition to Michael Collins and Arthur Griffith, included Joseph McGrath, Minister of Labor; William Cosgrave, Minister for Home Affairs, and other leaders in the provisional government. Two platforms were constantly employed by the speakers.

Women Tear Down Flag. With the exception of a minor flag incident, when girls and women tore down a free-state tricolor, perfect order was maintained by the Republican police. The resentful crowd jeered and booed the women for the flag affair, and attempts at interrupting by a handful of the same women who remained near the platform were drowned out by popular protest. Mr. Collins, in a long speech, defended the treaty. He asserted that once the free state was established, the union of Northeast Ulster with the rest of Ireland would be a foregone conclusion.

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John Dymond, Sr., Editor, Dies. NEW ORLEANS, La., March 5.—John Dymond, Sr., 85 years old, editor and publisher of several agricultural papers, sugar planter and former U. S. Senator, died at his home here today.

LEGION MEMBERS UNITE IN REFUTING CHARGE BY MILLS

Organization Has Consistently Supported Plan. Officials Say.

ATTITUDE OF SENATOR IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE

"Could Not Imagine Name of Virginia Could Be Dishonored."

DEEMED LOBBY UNNECESSARY

Give Out Statement, They Assert, That People of State May Know Facts.

Declaring that the statement attributed to State Senator Morgan R. Mills, that the American Legion had "gotten from under" the war memorial library project, is not supported by the facts in the case, and expressing their astonishment at the allegation of the patron of the original bill providing for such a testimonial to the men and women of Virginia who took part in the world war, seven officials of Richmond Post No. 1, of the American Legion, issued last night a statement refuting the charge and setting forth their side of the case.

The American Legion, assert those whose signatures are appended to the statement, are not so much concerned with the "incomprehensible attitude of this Senator